



## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### **Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – June 18, 2013**

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from April 16, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Follow up letter to the County Executive from the April 9, 2013 meeting. (See Attachment B.)
4. Follow up from the June 11, 2013 Public Hearing on ZTA 13-04 Zoning Ordinance-Revised. (See Attachment C.). The Council public hearing scheduled about 60 speakers, including representatives from towns and neighborhood associations, developers, property owners, advocacy groups and others testified. Concerns that repeatedly came up during testimony include:
  - Changes regarding animal husbandry (particularly chickens)
  - The speed at which the zoning rewrite is moving forward, potentially at the risk of adequate study of effects and public participation
  - Retaining the character of single family neighborhoods, with an emphasis on the new building types concept (particularly general buildings in single family neighborhoods)
  - Creating more sustainable development (particularly in terms of parking)
  - Affordable housing; questioning if the new code did enough to promote more in the County

Others complimented many aspects of the new code, especially its reorganization and clarification/simplification of the current code and certain efforts to modernize the current code. The PHED committee began work sessions on the zoning ordinance rewrite on Friday, June 14, 2013. Click on the link to access the staff packet.

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/cm/2013/130614/20130614\\_PHED2.pdf](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/cm/2013/130614/20130614_PHED2.pdf)

5. Proposed Bill 13-13 Impervious Area and ZTA 13-03 Impervious Area-proposes new defined term permeable pavement- Public hearing June 18, 2013 @ 1:30 pm. The MSCD was assigned to participate in the public hearing and Council Work sessions and take the lead on this issue. (See Attachment D. June 17, 2013 email from MSCD)
6. The County Council approved \$200,000 as part of the FY14 Operating Budget and allocated the funding to the DHHS for improving efforts for Food Recovery and Montgomery County Farmer's Markets. There are 22 markets for 2013 and the proposal to promote EBT machines

for SNAP customers will help seven of the markets-Rockville, Cross Roads, Takoma Park, Burtonsville, Wheaton, Silver Spring, and Shady Grove.

7. Discussion surrounding the June 13, 2013 letter from Roger Berliner to the County Executive-Franchise Agreement between the County government and Comcast-High speed internet access for rural residents-(See Attachment E.)

8. The next meeting of the AAC is Tuesday July 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Germantown.

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

PHED Committee Work Session-ZTA13-04-June 21, 2013@ 9:30 am

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-July 2, 2013 @7:00 pm

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-July 9, 2013@7:00 pm

Agricultural Advisory Committee-July 18, 2013

Food Recovery Work Group-July 25, 2013 @ 9:00 pm

Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale- July 27-28, 2013

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Week August 9-17, 2013

Agricultural Leaders Luncheon-Monday-August 12, 2013